GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:581
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FAILURE OF FCI TO MAINTAIN BUFFER STOCK
KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU;RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Food Corporation of India has failed to maintain buffer stocks in remote and inaccessible regions thereby leading to under nourishment of poor people in that region;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to break Food Corporation of India into severalautonomous Corporations to ensure proper procurement, storage, transport and distribution of foodgrains to poor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a) No, Sir. Food Corporation of India is holding adequate stocks of foodgrains in various region throughout the country.

(b) The question does not arise.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration.